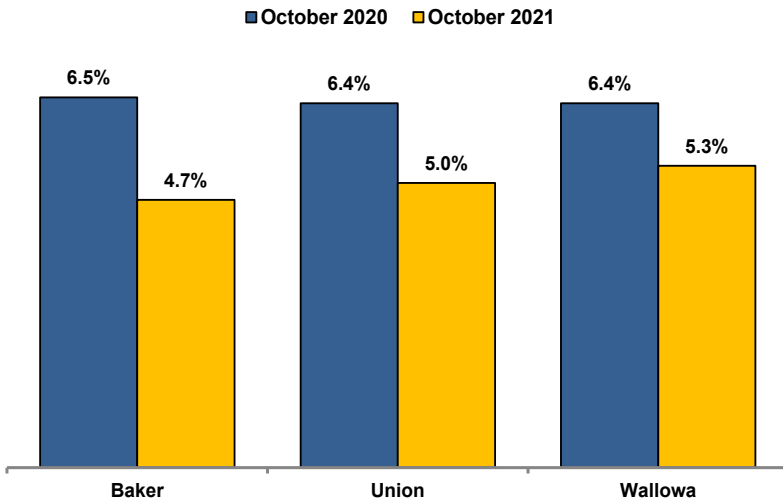


Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)



Unemployment Rate News

Baker County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2021 was 4.7%, while Union County came in at 5.0% and Wallowa County at 5.3%. All three counties' rates were above Oregon's statewide rate of 4.4% and the national rate of 4.6%.

Baker County's rate ranked in a three-way tie for 13th lowest among Oregon's 36 counties for the month while Union County's ranked in a three-way tie for 22nd and Wallowa County's tied for 27th.

All three counties had lower seasonally adjusted unemployment rates in October 2021 than the previous October's higher pandemic-related rates.

Baker County (-1.8 percentage points) ranked in a four-way tie for 13th among Oregon's counties for largest over-the-year change. Union County (-1.4) tied for 24th while Wallowa County (-1.1) tied for 29th.

Nonfarm Employment Change

October 2020 to October 2021

Baker County added an estimated 280 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 170 jobs. Professional and business services, manufacturing, and leisure and hospitality led gains while losses were confined to mining and logging and education and health services. The public sector added 110 jobs with a gain in local government.

Union County employment increased an estimated 260 jobs over the year. The private sector increased by 190 jobs led by gains in leisure and hospitality, retail trade, and construction. Losses were led by education and health services and professional and business services. The public sector added 70 jobs with a gain in local government overcoming a loss in federal government.

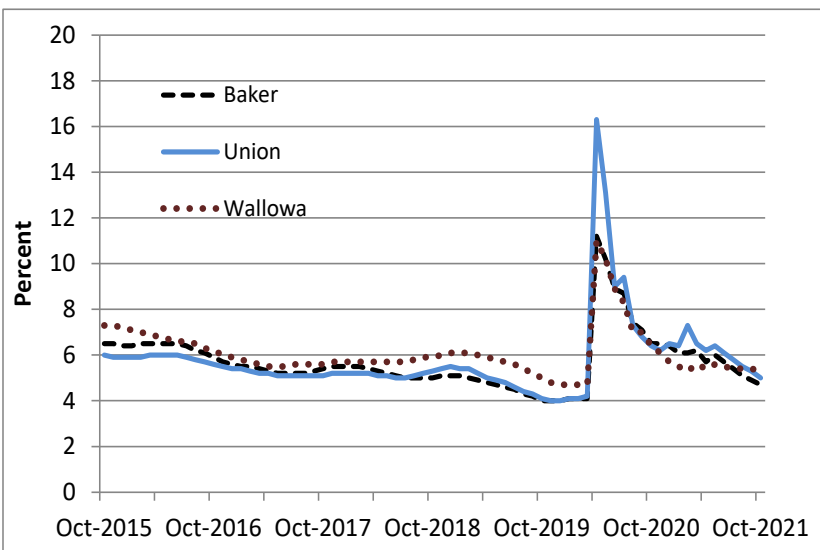
Wallowa County gained an estimated 100 jobs over the year. The private sector added 50 jobs led by a gain in leisure and hospitality. Losses were confined to construction and manufacturing. The public sector added 50 jobs with a gain in local government.

Notable Industry Gains and Losses

Over-the-Year Employment Change from October 2020

	<u>Baker</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Wallowa</u>
	Local Government (+110)	Local Government (+80)	Local Government (+50)
	Professional/Business Services (+50)	Retail Trade (+70)	Leisure/Hospitality (+40)
	Manufacturing (+40)	Leisure/Hospitality (+70)	Wholesale/Retail Trade (+10)
	Leisure/Hospitality (+30)	Construction (+40)	Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities (+10)
	Construction (+20)	Other Services (+30)	Information (+10)
	Other Services (+20)	Mining/Logging (+20)	Other Services (+10)
	Mining/Logging (-10)	Private Education/Health Services (-40)	Manufacturing (-20)
	Private Education/Health Services (-10)	Professional/Business Services (-30)	Construction (-20)

Unemployment rate continuing drop from COVID-19 high



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